

Announcements



Christian Music Fest
4th Saturday of the Months of July, August, September and October
Hills Ball Park, Hills, Iowa
7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.



July 24 Old Man Band
August 28 Banjoy
September 25 Great Bluegrass Herons Band
October 23 Banjoy/Bluegrass Herons Band Combo



Sponsored by:
St. Joseph Church, Hills
St. Mary Church, Lone Tree
Church of St. Mary, Nichols



Food Pantry Weekend This Weekend — Third Saturday and Sunday of each month
Baskets are available at each church for your donations of food items, paper products and non-perishables. A money basket is also available for cash donations to purchase needed items. Please be generous as we help those in need within our cluster communities.

Please note: Mass will be celebrated at Pioneer Park Chapel in Lone Tree on Thursday mornings at 10:00 am beginning Thursday, July 15. Pioneer Park has been COVID-19 free throughout the pandemic and now has invited the priests to celebrate Mass once again. Fr. Hai and Fr. Lou will provide a weekly Mass on a rotation basis each Thursday morning.

Fr. Lou will still have Mass at his house in Lone Tree on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings at 8:00 am each week.

50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration
At the request of Bishop Zinkula, the office of Faith Formation is sponsoring a diocesan celebration for all couples who are celebrating fifty years of marriage this year. (Couples who were unable to attend any prior celebrations are also welcome to participate.) A Mass and informal reception will be held at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Davenport on Sunday, October 24, 1021 at 2 p.m. Please notify the cluster office at 679-2271 if you would like to receive a personal invitation from the Bishop to attend this special Mass.

Confession Schedule

Father Hai will be available to hear confessions before Mass at the below times:

St. Mary, Lone Tree: 3:30 pm to 3:50 pm on Saturdays
Church of St. Mary: 7:30 am to 7:50 am on Sundays
St. Joseph, Hills: 9:30 am to 9:50 am on Sundays

Let us come to reconcile to God and others!

To report child abuse contact: Iowa Department of Human Services Child Abuse Hotline: 800-362-2178 and if it involves clergy or church personnel also notify Alicia Owens, the Victim Assistance Coordinator, 563-349-5002; vac@diodav.org or PO Box 232, Bettendorf, IA 52722--0004.

Liturgical Ministers—Lone Tree St. Mary Saturday 4:00 pm Cycle B Reading					
	7/17/2021 Fr. Hai	7/24-2021 Fr. Hai	7/31/2021 Fr. Lou	8/7/2021 Fr. Hai	Lone Tree
Lector	Sherry Nicola	Sherry Nicola	Sherry Nicola		Parish Support
Servers	Trudi Westfall	Nancy Ford	Ruth Walker		Envelopes \$1002.00
Eucharist	Trudi Westfall	Sherry Nicola	Trudi Westfall		Offertory \$160.00
Collection	Jerry Ford	Joan Davis	Kathy Davis		Kout Stole Fee \$25.00
	Nancy Ford	Mandeline Bland	Lynn Bland		A/C \$100.00
Gifts	Deanna Krueger	Jill Welter	Betty Forbes		Peter’s Pence \$10.00
Commentator/Petitions	Carol Kaalberg	Jerry Ford	Trudi Westfall		

Liturgical Ministers—Nichols Church of St. Mary Sunday 8:00 am Cycle B Reading					
	7/18/2021 Fr. Lou	7/25/2021 Fr. Lou	8/1/2021 Fr. Hai	8/8/2021 Fr. Lou	Nichols
Lector	Mary Lenz	Carol Kaalberg	Tom Barr	Renetta Burlage	Parish Support
Cross Bearer	Adam Gauger	Wayne Mendel	Wayne Mengel	Seth Lenz	Envelopes \$870.00
Eucharist	Carol Kaalberg	Carol Kaalberg	Tom Barr	Tom Barr	Offertory \$21.00
Collection	Steve Lahey	Joe Harper	Kory Kaalberg	Seth Lenz	A/C \$450.00
	Adam Gauger	Marvin Wilson	Colton Kaalberg	Bill Lenz	
Gifts	Joe&Rose Harper	Cindy Massey	Kelsie Lampe	Michael&Renetta Burlage	
Commentary/Petitions	Carol Kaalberg	Carol Kaalberg	Carol Kaalberg	Trudi Westfall	

Liturgical Ministers—Hills St. Joseph Sunday 10:00 am Cycle B Reading					
	7/18/2021 Fr. Hai	7/25/2021 Fr. Hai	8/1/2021 Fr. Hai	8/8/2021 Fr. Hai	Hills
Music Ministry	Grant Lenz	Grant/Steve/Bob /Connie	Bob&Connie	Grant Lenz	Parish Support
Lector	Joyce Gauger	Bob Jenn/Alyssa Moran	Bob Jenn	Joyce Gauger	Envelopes \$1813.00
Server	Jean Burr	Weston/Jim Frantz	Jean Burr	Carol Kirkpatrick	Offertory \$95.00
Eucharist	Donna Arthur	Bishop/Fr. Hai	Mike Sieverding	Mike Sieverding	Stevens Stole Fee \$25.00
Collection	Matt Waldschmidt	Matt Waldschmidt	Mike Waldschmidt	Mike Waldschmidt	Jenn Stole Fee \$25.00
	Brian Moran	Brian Moran	Lora Sieverding	Lora Sieverding	
Gifts	Betty Rayner/Joan	Betty Rayner/Joan Cahill	Dean&Alice Cole Fam.	Bob Mellecker Family	
Commentator/Petitions	Judy Stebral	Carol Kaalberg	Judy Stebral	Judy Stebral	

Bishop Zinkula wants your feedback in planning study
The Diocese of Davenport is looking to the future and conducting a comprehensive survey involving all parishes. Before any final decisions are made regarding long-range priorities for the diocese. Bishop Thomas Zinkula would like to hear from you.
All parishioners will be asked to share their thoughts regarding our diocese’s needs and the possibility of conducting a major fundraising effort. Your feedback will enable the diocese to determine potential support for the projects. If the fundraising effort moves forward, the planning study will also provide information to identify prospective campaign leaders and to establish a realistic campaign goal.
Parishioners will have access to a fact sheet that details proposed goals and will be asked to respond in a variety of ways. Some parishioners will be personally interviewed, and others will have the option to mail in a survey, go online to answer questions and/or attend a listening session at a local parish. The Steier Group, our development firm, will compile results from the study and present it to our diocesan leadership.
This process is extremely important. Every diocesan family is encouraged to participate. Your input is valuable as we plan for the future of the Diocese of Davenport. Additional information will be forthcoming.

Cluster Parish Announcements

Bulletin deadline Tuesday at 10:00 am. Contact Judy Stebral at 319-331-8727, jbstebal@hotmail.com or Carol Kaalberg at 319-330-5324 or kaalbergc@diodav.org.

Cluster News

The Word Among Us features: A daily meditation based on one of the Mass readings that will open up the Scriptures to you and lead you into prayer; articles to help you grow in your Catholic faith and walk with the Lord; lives of the saints and holy men and women. The July edition is now available. Be sure to get a copy as each issue becomes available and experience the joy of hearing from God each day!

Please call the cluster office, 319-679-2271, if you would like to serve as usher, lector, Eucharistic minister or server in any of our parishes. Also, If you know someone who is homebound in the Hills, Lone Tree or Nichols who would like to have us bring Holy Communion to their home, please call the cluster office at the above number.

St. Joseph Church, Hills

Sunday, July 18, 2021 Today from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm in the St. Joseph Parish Hall. The family of Darlene Schott invite you to come to a birthday party to celebrate Darlene's 91st birthday. If you are unable to attend, cards can be sent to 5455 Oak Crest Hill Rd., SE, Riverside, IA 52327. All from the cluster are invited.

Monday, July 19, 2021 6:30 pm, Parish Council meeting in the parish hall.

Last Sunday, July 11, The St. Joseph parish family welcomed to the Catholic Church through the waters of Baptism Cecelia Louise Van Buskirk, daughter of Thomas and Lydia Van Buskirk. Cecelia has an older sister, three-year-old Adeline. Congratulations to the Van Buskirk family on this blessed occasion!

Rest in peace...Our St. Joseph parish sympathy to Robert Droll and children Michael, RJ and Leia, on the loss of Bob's wife Judith "Judi" Kay Droll. Bob lived in Hills in his early years and then he and Judi moved to the Quad Cities and then to North Carolina. Judi's funeral was celebrated last Thursday. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

We continue to pray for Levi Rundlett, his parents Zack and Beth, and his brother, Owen, 1415 Wild Prairie, Iowa City, IA 52246. Levi remains in intensive care at University of Iowa Stead Family Children's Hospital. Our prayers are with the Rundlett family.

The St. Joseph Food Pantry is open each Wednesday morning from 10 A.M. to noon. For your safety and for our workers' safety, boxes of groceries are brought to you for pick up at the East church entrance. Thank you for your continued generosity to the St. Joseph Food Pantry!

St. Mary Church, Lone Tree

This Saturday, July 17, following the 4:00 pm Mass - a social to meet and greet our Pastor, Rev. Hai Dinh, and to see our newly redecorated parish hall. Join us! All are invited for refreshments and viewing our parish facilities today.

Lone Tree/Nichols Food Pantry is now open every Monday and Thursday, 9:30 to 11:30 A.M. at The United Presbyterian Church, 110 West Elm Street, Lone Tree. No appointment needed. This local food pantry is a cooperative effort of the United Presbyterian Church, St. Mary Church, Lone Tree and The Church of St. Mary, Nichols.

The Church of St. Mary, Nichols

Rest in peace...the soul of Wayne Schapapveld from Muscatine who was buried in St. Mary's Cemetery this past Monday. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM Free hot lunch for youth ages 1 - 18. Monday - Friday at the Church of St. Mary Catholic Hall in Nichols. Breakfast for the next day will be distributed with lunch. Pickup time: 11:00 am - 11:20 daily. All children eat free. 18 and older - \$4.00 each.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SUMMER PROGRAM

Date: August 9 - 13. 8:00 am - 11:30am

Location: Nichols Christian Church

Lunch each day provided at the Church of Saint Mary Catholic Hall. To register your children, call Carol Kaalberg at 319-330-5324. Volunteers are also needed during the week. Call Carol to volunteer.

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We continue to celebrate the Year of St. Joseph and we want to get better acquainted with this remarkable man who was so much a part of Jesus' and Mary's life. Later this year we plan to pray the consecration to St Joseph, using Father Calloway's book, "Consecration to St. Joseph". This 33-day prayer exercise will help you come to know the wonders of the life and vocation of St. Joseph. Contact Judy Stebral 319-331-8727 or Carol Kirkpatrick 319-331-0921 if you would like to join this spiritual experience. More information will be forthcoming.

Sts. Mary and Joseph cluster students (K-12) who attend the Regina Catholic Education Center are eligible to receive a scholarship grant toward their tuition. This tuition subsidy will reduce their tuition to the same amount for members of the Iowa City parishes. Call the cluster office at 319-679-2271 for more information or to get the application forms.